

# e-Bugle

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### Calendar

Wed., Sept. 29	Newcomers Welcome, Town Hall, 8 pm	Wed., Oct. 13	Leaf removal starts
Fri., Oct. 1	Screening Room: <i>Outfoxed</i> , Town Hall, 8 pm. Free! (refreshments on sale from 7:30)	Sat., Oct. 16	Attic-in-the-Street Sale
Thurs., Oct. 7	Salvation Army pickup (before large-item pickup)	Wed., Oct. 27	Citizens Association Town Meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm
Sat., Oct. 9	Large-item pickup; Coffee House, Town Hall, 7:30 pm	Fri., Oct. 29	Halloween: school parade (1 ish); Film Society, Town Hall, 7:30 pm
Mon., Oct. 11	Columbus Day; P.O. closed; Town Council Meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm	Sat., Oct. 30	Haunted Forest, Porcupine Woods, evening
Tues., Oct. 12	Lunch Bunch, Town Hall, 12:30 pm; <i>Bugle</i> deadline, 3 pm	Sun., Oct. 31	Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 am; set clocks back one hour; Trick or treating by school children

### Paint Party!

There was a bucolic tone to the September Town Council meeting, with much back and forth about tractors, salt storage, tree monocultures, and lonely train whistles in the night. One Councilmember, barefoot and blue-jeaned, was missing only a piece of straw dangling from his lips.

The meeting began with the now-ritual complaints about the new town street lights. "One of the lights shines right on my pillow," said the Mayor. The lighting company seems to be working hard to correct things, but it will take awhile.

As for the lights to come along Strathmore Avenue, Councilmember Wegner announced that despite our specifications for dark green, the state has given us aluminum. "We own 76 aluminum poles," he said glumly. But then he perked up and suggested a town painting party, in which we'd all get together and spray green paint on the poles and fixtures.

Councilmember Keller noted the hard work the town maintenance crew did cleaning up Cambria Park this summer. He also said that the town

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will do a modest amount of tree planting this fall, being careful at all times to avoid monocultures and choose different cultivars (I'm not sure what this means, but it sounded impressive enough for inclusion here).

At this point, the Mayor announced that this evening was “the second anniversary of The Ted,” by which she meant our Town Administrator, Ted Pratt. A round of applause ensued.

Ted at this point talked about the possibility of renting the office space in the Town Hall once his office has moved to the new Penn Place. He proposed reviving the keeper of the keys position so that someone could oversee the use of the Town Hall, and the Council seemed amenable. If the Council does vote to rent the space, the tenant would have to be approved by the Council.

In other news, the Mayor announced that Kay Hager has been appointed to another term on the Arboretum Committee. The Council discussed at some length the problem of door-to-door sales people in town, some of whom are attempting to defraud residents. As Ted Pratt explained in a memo distributed at the meeting, “the Montgomery County Police are unable to enforce the county’s door-to-door vendor regulations in Garrett Park because the town has not made them part of our Code of Ordinances.” Without arriving at any decision, the Council discussed whether the town should change its ordinances in this way.

There was relatively happy news on the fiscal front. The Town Administrator explained that because the state has released more money than we had expected, and because Kfoury’s billing has slowed down, we’re okay financially: “We are beginning to see some strong revenue figures; it is no longer necessary to give you a worst-case scenario.”

It must be because of our sounder financial footing that the Town Administrator then launched into a long paean to The Tractor. To condense his remarks radically: the town should get one because it would save us money in terms of materials handling.

Yeah, sure, one skeptic on the Council said, but what about storage? Where are we gonna put the tractor? “Most farmers,” Ted replied, “leave these things out.”

Margaret Soltan

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## Newcomers Reception

The Garrett Park Citizens Association invites all Garrett Parkers—and especially our newest residents—to our annual Newcomers Reception, to be held on Wednesday, September 29, at 8 pm in the Town Hall, located at 10814 Kenilworth Avenue. Light refreshments will be served.

The reception is a great way to learn about Garrett Park. Expect to hear from town officials, officers of the Citizens Association, and heads of several of the many organizations in town about some of the things we’ve done, things we’re doing, and things you can choose to get involved in. Who makes decisions about building or tearing down a building? Citizens do. Who makes decisions about the GP Swimming Pool? Citizens do. Who makes decisions about what films we show? Citizens do. C’mon and learn about the real make-up of Garrett Park: its people.

## GPES Opens

Garrett Park Elementary opened smoothly, with some changes from last year. Kindergarten is now a full day session, with four teachers. There are also six other new staff members, and one new portable classroom. The standing question is, when is the addition going to be started, and will it hold the seven portables’ occupants?

The PTA has fed the staff a couple of times, for which it is very grateful. Mr. Derby still has his bald head, and Mrs. Reed, the administrative secretary, broke her foot in the waning days of the summer vacation and has been hobbling around the office with crutches. The computers keep their own schedules, a new digital copier was installed, and the staff is very enthusiastic about this school year. Upcoming plans include Halloween happenings on Friday, October 29, a winter concert, and perhaps the chorus singing at the opening ceremonies of Strathmore Hall in January or February. It should be a very exciting year, barring hurricanes and falling trees.

Mary Moyer

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# Town Administrator Notes

**On the Move:** After nearly two years, the Town Office leaves its garden setting at the Town Hall and returns to Penn Place on Friday, September 24. With any luck, all will go well, and we'll be up and ready for business the following Monday. Our sojourn at the Town Hall worked out very well, and we leave with mixed feelings, but all of us are excited about the new Penn Place and look forward to resuming our work in the heart of the town. Stop by and visit our new office! All contact information remains the same—telephone and fax numbers, email, and mailing address. None of that will change.

**Garrett Park Building Permits:** This year's building season has seen a number of projects started without permits. Please remember that it is always best to check with both the Town Office and the county about what permits may be required for any project before beginning work. This will save time and possibly avoid added expense. The town requires demolition permits for removal of a structure and building permits for all new structures, for additions and alterations to existing structures that change lot coverage or living space areas, and for decks. Also, if you wish to install or alter a parking pad or driveway, you must have a permit. Please call the Town Office if you have any questions.

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**Large-Item Pickup and Street Sweeping:** The fall large-item collection will take place on Saturday, October 9, and street sweeping will take place on Wednesday, October 13.

**Town Finances:** The FY 2004 audit is wrapping up. This year I will be preparing a Manager's Discussion & Analysis of the audit report. This is a new requirement of the Government Accounting Standards Board ([www.gasb.org](http://www.gasb.org)) under the new GASB-34 regulations. The MD&A, as it is called, will be a "plain English" explanation of the town's formal accounts and my analysis of the town's current financial status. For the first time, the town will begin depreciating its fixed infrastructure assets—roads, drains, sidewalks, etc. I expect the final audit report to be ready in November. My MD&A report will be mailed to all town residents as soon as the audit is accepted by the Council.

Ted Pratt,  
Town Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

# Notes from the P.O.

Please ensure that all mail includes your post office box number. The Post Office is having problems with mail with street addresses but no P.O. box number, particularly if it is addressed to people whose names are not associated with the P.O. box. According to Postal Regulation D910, adults other than the boxholder who receive mail in the P.O. box must be listed on the P.O. box application, Form 1093, and must present photo identification to the Post Office. When any information required on Form 1093 changes, the box customer must update the application on file at the Post Office.

Be advised also that when we move back into Penn Place, the space behind the counter is very limited, so we are grateful to those who are diligent about picking up mail—most of our customers. However, to those few who let weeks go by without getting your mail, we will have to monitor your mail, and if need be, we will have to impose a fee for caller service. You will be notified by letter and given ample warning.

## 2004 Fun Run Winners

For youth winners, see the print edition.

### Men 20-29

1st Thomas Carlin

### Men 30-39

1st Lovisia Molensa

2nd Brad Christmas

1st Douglas Chubb (w)

### Women 30-39

1st Kelly Gallo

2nd Susan Brocaid

### Men 40-49

1st Joe Abernethy

### Women 40-49

1st Patty Gray-Berry

2nd Pat Keating

### Men 50-59

1st Charlie Andrews

2nd Ken Schwartz

1st John Miles (w)

2nd Harry Gordon (w)

### Women 50-59

1st Gina Grieb

2nd Brenda Artim

1st Deb Sherman (w)

2nd Sue Chubb (w)

### Men 60-69

1st Paul Osmond

1st Ben Fulton (w)

2nd Ray Lovett (w)

### Women 60-69

1st Thea Miles

2nd Glenda Ingham

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# Fourth of July 2004

The morning broke vile and humid on July 4, but Garrett Parkers and other Fun Runners of various ages and sizes made their merry way past your reporter’s front stoop for the opening act of the town’s long, convoluted Independence Day celebration. The first group of runners was a quartet of strapping young lads; then slightly older men and women appeared; then kids; and finally a group of yet older people sauntered and joked among themselves.

Later that morning, the traditional parade preparations took place at Garrett Park Elementary School. An Asian child with a full beard drifted by; a pioneer family gazed with melancholy forbearance at the weather; Lady Liberty’s wet sneakers squeaked; semi-nude GP pool guards struck poses; the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department stood by. A circle of druids dressed in green summed it all up on their t-shirts: Druidiots Don’t Need a Reason.

Once the parade got started and the weather lifted a bit, particular floats and walkers drew

your reporter’s attention. Above all else, she was impressed by the bravery of a small clutch of defiantly out in the open Republicans. But there was also a baby pool with dolls in it (this involved puns your reporter didn’t quite get), gamely grinning local politicians, and much clever reference to the decade of the 50’s.

After the parade, a large crowd gathered at the basketball court, where Uncle Sam reminded the assembly that 50 years ago you got your mail by asking Mrs. Penn for it, and that you “got first-class mail five times a day.” Two flutes then played “America the Beautiful,” and winners of the Fun Run and the parade were announced (see this page and page 3). Your reporter watched with admiration and gratitude as various volunteers (prominent among them Matt Stavish and Pat Aufderheide) sweated their way through their duties. The town owes much to all of the people who conceived and managed this happy and inspirational event.

Margaret Soltan

## Parade Winners

### Floats

#### *Most Appropriate to Theme*

- 1st place Marie Miller / Ellie Borzilleri (“GP Community”)
- 2nd place Gordon, Ruttkays, Giblins, Coach Cheryl, Cornie, Jeanna (“Flashback to the 80’s”)
- 3rd place Sophia Tilken (“Images of Fun & 50”)

#### *Most Humorous*

- 1st place Abernethy, Berry, Gretschel, & Dunlove (“50 Years at GP Pool”)
- 2nd place Piper Fanning, Christina Stavish, & Haley Pasquinelli (“3 Little Kittens”)
- 3rd place Caroline Melton (“Stars & Stripes”)

#### *Most Original*

- 1st place Moser / Murnane (“Never Grow Up”)
- 2nd place Hickey Kids & Friends (“GPNS”)
- 3rd place McElhaney (“Baby Pool on Wheels”)

#### *Best Overall*

- 1st place Quigley, Joutz, Loeb, & Bender (“50 Years of the Pool”)
- 2nd place Clark & Jackson (“Lady Bugs Fly Home”)
- 3rd place Maders (“Rainbow Ride”)

### Bikes

#### *Most Appropriate to Theme*

- 1st place Murphy (“50 Years of Parades”)
- 2nd place Gleeson (“50 Bike”)
- 3rd place Gleeson (“50 Bike”)

#### *Most Humorous*

- 1st place Robinson (“Uncle Sam”)
- 2nd place Melton (“Stars & Stripes”)
- 3rd place Reilly (“Pink Lady Bug”)

#### *Most Original*

- 1st place Gleeson (“50 Bike”)
- 2nd place Fanning (“Lady Bugs”)
- 3rd place Stavish (“Celebrating Community”)

#### *Best Overall*

- 1st place Murphy (“54 Pink Cadillac”)
- 2nd place Yeucka (“Bugle Boy & Girl”)
- 3rd place Vargara (“Super Vic Lady Bug”)

### Individual walkers

#### *Most Appropriate to Theme*

- 1st place Emily Nguyen (“Abe Lincoln”)
- 2nd place Morgan Huffman (“Hooray for 50 Years”)
- 3rd place Pat Reilly & Kids (“Stroller Bugs Bunch”)

#### *Most Humorous*

- 1st place Jake McCormick (“Mr. Microwave”)
- 2nd place Annie Schmidt (“The Bugle”)

#### *Most Original*

- 1st place The Rolls (“Swingin”)
- 2nd place Nan Gootenberg
- 3rd place Owen Brinker (“Candy Thrower”)

#### *Best Overall*

- 1st place Gina Grieb (“Statue of Liberty”)
- 2nd place Anna Howe (“Hip, Hip, Hooray”)
- (3-way tie) Stephanie Beechler (“Happy B’day”)
- Alex Doudanopoulos (“Red, White, & Blue”)

### Group walkers

#### *Most Appropriate to Theme*

- 1st place Alayna & Mikaela Wall, Hannah Walsh (“Thanks to GP Volunteers”)
- 2nd place Sammy Holden & Sydney Robinson (“GP Swim Team”)
- 3rd place Lean Abrams & Maddy Kunkle (“GP Remembers 1954”)

#### *Most Humorous*

- 1st place Ania Soltan; Kelly / Christina Folkers (“Did We Hear the Theme Wrong”)
- 2nd place Jorden Courtney & Scot Shuck (“Fun”)
- 3rd place John Woo (“Spiderman Kids”)

#### *Most Original*

- 1st place Druid Drive (“No Ordinary Side Street”)
- 2nd place Mason & Mandy et al. (“Statue of Liberty & Patriot Boy”)
- 3rd place Christina Dove (“The Doves Are Back”)

#### *Best Overall*

- 1st place Daugherty / Ferry (“Happy Days in GP Estates”)
- 2nd place Hayes & Cassell Family (“Want to Play Cowboys & Indians”)
- 3rd place Gabe Schwartzman (“GP Lawn Rangers”)

# Penn Place Reopening

On Saturday afternoon, September 18, Garrett Park finally saw the ceremonial reopening of Penn Place. It was a day that was long in coming.

Apparently it was touch and go for a while there. The assembled townsfolk heard of the valiant last-minute efforts of the Mayor and others to get the building’s elevators successfully inspected before the big day. Some of us were just thankful that Hurricane Ivan had not seen fit to spawn a tornado to sweep the whole thing away after all that planning and effort. But in the end, the day was fine and blustery, and droves of Garrett Parkers gathered with press, politicians, and well-wishers to listen to speeches, chuckle at a comic song in honor of the day, swarm all over the building, and eat a celebratory slice of cake.

The theme was teamwork, and many people inside and out of Garrett Park were thanked and recognized for their efforts. Representatives from the offices of Senator Sarbanes and Congressman Van Hollen joined our State Senator, House of Delegates representatives present and past, and selected County Councilmembers to be thanked for their support and to applaud the efforts of our Town Councils, town employees, contractors, and especially volunteers in making the renovation of Penn Place a reality.

Our state delegation and County Councilmembers both came armed with proclamations to mark the occasion. To thank the Penn Place Committee, Harry Gordon, Bob Reinhardt, and Nancy Schwartz, the Mayor presented them with framed drawings of the building from three different viewpoints. In the most whimsical presentation of the day, she bestowed on them three wooden whistles that had been carved from the old siding of the building, and each tuned, as she said, to different pitches that when sounded together would reproduce the sound of a train whistle. The committee members obligingly demonstrated by blowing their new whistles, making a very convincing noise (and a few minutes later, the Mayor

## Attic in the Street

This year’s Attic-in-the-Street sale will take place on Saturday, October 16, from 10 am to 2 pm. As usual, it will take place on Kenilworth Avenue in front of the Town Hall. To reserve space, send a check for \$20 (\$35 for two spaces) to Garrett Park Women’s Club, Box 558, GP 20896. Please include name, phone number, and email address for contact information. The proceeds from the fees go to benefit the Women’s Club and by extension all of Garrett Park: the new archives at Penn Place, the Betsy White Emergency Fund, annual activities, etc.

All are welcome to come and participate in Garrett Park’s annual giant garage sale. And while you’re at it, think about helping to organize next year’s sale. Everyone is always interesting in participating in the sale, but it’s hard to find organizers. Please consider it.

found herself trying to be heard over the real thing—not an uncommon event at Penn Place).

Accompanied by Sue Petito, a small chorus of Garrett Parkers then overcame train whistles, an acoustical tile ceiling—and a certain amount of hubbub from children rocketing around the upper floors—to entertain the crowd with an enthusiastic performance of “The Penn Place Song,” with words composed for the occasion by Margaret Soltan. Set to the tune of Arthur Sullivan’s “I am the Captain of the Pinafore,” the song poked fun at the worthy citizens of Garrett Park, who “never, ever disagree” (“well, hardly ever”). Garrett Parkers historically being as prickly as their mascot the porcupine, this notion could not fail to amuse.

Harry Gordon, Peter Benjamin, and Nancy Floreen then regaled us with an overview of the project, describing the efforts that so many people had made to shepherd the project to completion. The town has been the beneficiary of volunteers with impressive professional credentials offering their time and expertise to the renovation—so that we are assured that even with all the money raised and spent on the project, it was a real bargain. We could not have afforded to do it without these volunteers.

Much was made during the ceremony of the Post Office as the vital hub of the town. Penn Place was named in honor of Lina Penn, Postmaster for 30 years, including the time in 1955 when the Post Office Department (as it then was) suggested closing the Garrett Park branch. Garrett Park rose up in a body to put a stop to the proposal, and ever since the town has resisted home delivery with a passionate fervor. Our current Postmaster, Veronica Sauvain, was on hand to express her zeal to begin operations in the renovated space. Also on hand was Timothy Haney of the Postal Service, who was impressed and gratified by the town’s devotion to its Post Office.

After a mass ribbon cutting, raising of the flag, and replanting of Mrs. Penn’s carefully preserved peonies, the ceremony closed with the crowd happily demolishing Penn Place again, in the form of an image decorating the cake.

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- ♪ A fond farewell party was held under the canopy at the home of Dave and Mary Kay Almy for Paul and Mary Jane Edlund. A lively, lovely time was enjoyed by the many well wishers who attended. The Edlunds can be reached at their new address: Mayflower Place #244, 579 Buck Island Road, West Yarmouth, MA 02673.
- ♪ Trading places—who's moving into the Edlunds' house at 10922 Kenilworth? Paul and Nancy Dickson, all the way from 11107 Kenilworth. Also, Dan Marsh and Jenny Knivanek have moved from Clyde Avenue to 11001 Kenilworth.
- ♪ Former resident Peg Winegarden, now living in Rochester, New York, sends hellos to all her pals here in town. Hello, Peg!
- ♪ Constantine Seferlis was looking mighty relaxed while walking along Kenilworth the other day. Must have been all that Greek air he breathed on his six week vacation in Greece.
- ♪ On a sour note, several town residents had their tires slashed right in front of their homes on a recent Friday night/Saturday morning. If you were a victim of this recent spate of vandalism and have not contacted the police, you are asked to do so. The Bethesda Police are investigating the crimes and may have some promising leads.
- ♪ A new Garrett Park Directory, including listings for the Garrett Park Estates and White Flint Park, has been delivered to every home in town. Thanks to the committee who worked so hard to make this very useful tool available to all of us. And thanks to our local children and their adult supervisors for bringing them to our doors. Additional directories are available in the Town Office for \$5.
- ♪ Congratulations to Glenda Ingham for the front page article in the *Gazette* acknowledging her work with GIVES. A wonderful article about a great lady and a worthy cause. Kudos!
- ♪ Former town resident Tom Barclay and his wife Sabine are the proud new parents of a baby boy. Congratulations also to grandmother Kitty Barclay of Clermont.
- ♪ Congratulations to Norman and Lucila Robertson on the birth of their son. Welcome.
- ♪ Condolences to the family of Evelyn Harris of Montrose, who died on September 11, 2004. An obituary will appear in the next *Bugle*.
- ♪ Condolences also to Elizabeth Fludzinski whose stepfather, Donald Shaw, recently passed away.
- ♪ Town resident Donna Callejon was a delegate at the Democratic Convention this summer.
- ♪ Beth Stites is now in Arden Courts in Kensington following a one week stay at Holy Cross Hospital and four weeks of rehabilitation work at the Potomac Manor Care facility. She was having trouble walking while recovering from an infection in the hospital. She is now walking all over the place at Arden Courts and feeling much better.
- ♪ We were sorry to learn of the death of Louise Nickels Horn on September 18. Louise was 88 years old and a 58-year resident of Garrett Park. A memorial service is planned for October; an obituary will appear in the next *Bugle*.
- ♪ Finally, take a look at the box on page 2 for all the new *Bugle* contacts. Anne Mizoguchi will be in charge of sweet and sour notes, but you can send them to any of us.

## We're Green Again!

Our green banner this month is courtesy of Walt Damtoft of Asheville, North Carolina. His wife Janet was the editor of this paper for many years. We thank him for keeping us in mind.

We will be green until June 2005. If anyone would like to pick up the tab for that issue, just send \$25 (all we ask) or \$37 (the actual cost) by check to Mary Moyer, Box 98, Garrett Park, or put it in my front porch mail box. Then I won't have to start asking again until April next year. Thanks.

Mary Moyer



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## Letter from the Mayor

The days since my election on May 3 have been very busy, but also very satisfying for me, as many of our residents have worked to complete the large projects facing our town. By the time you read this, Penn Place will be open, the Post Office moved, and the Black Market serving very nice treats. It has been at least 10 years in coming, with so many people involved who have given enormous amounts of time, energy, and knowledge to the town. We are the most fortunate of communities with so many generous volunteers.

I hope everyone continues to be supportive of our friends and neighbors along Strathmore who have suffered a great deal so that we may all enjoy a new road in another year. Brian Boyer, who is the State Highway Administration supervisor, is hoping to have the curbs poured and the first layer of the surface down "before the snow flies."

Many have been concerned about glare from the new streetlights. I have been working with the management of Holophane Company and the president of its parent company, Acuity Brands, to find a solution that produces the product for which we contracted. We have had several telephone calls and a considerable email correspondence. They are planning to have a sample solution installed during the week of September 27 for our approval.

### Screening Room: Outfoxed

The Garrett Park Film Society will show *Outfoxed: Rupert Murdoch's War on Journalism* on Friday night, October 1, at 8 pm in Town Hall. Like our previous Screening Room documentary, this film will be free. Light refreshments will be available for sale beginning at 7:30.

Do you just like talking about film and filmmaking? Because that's what the Screening Room is all about. Films are selected and shown when someone can share her experiences with the project with the audience. Alys Campaigne is a Garrett Park resident and works at the Center for American Progress (CAP), a film co-sponsor. She will be at the screening to discuss your questions surrounding the creation, distribution, and impact of the film. Like: What was it like to help make it? What were the distribution issues? How does this film fit in CAP's media strategy? What are the lessons learned for using this film in the future? CAP sold the film to the public over the internet. What was that all about? Was the project a success? And ... whatever seems to add to the discussion of the film and filmmaking!

### Haunted Forest

Don't even think about going anywhere else on Saturday, October 30. Everyone—especially young children—should plan to visit the Haunted Forest at Porcupine Woods—if you dare! It's going to be scary. Very, very scary. Details to follow.

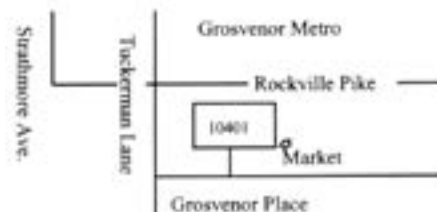
Many of you have seen me out on Strathmore talking to the State Highway Administration supervisor or the F. O. Day crews trying to communicate the concerns of our citizens. A couple of people, seeing me at Penn Place so often, have started suggesting that I should be paying rent since it appeared to them that I am living there. In the last year, I have had an opportunity to learn about many different areas of construction, commercial real estate, and the operation of different levels of government. I have also had a chance to get to know and work with many more of our residents. I have been truly blessed.

Carolyn Shawaker

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